

For Your Information

Me Bag: As the school year begins, I would like to get to know more about each of your children and their interests. In order to do this, I will be sending home a “Me Bag.” Your child will be able to fill this bag with things that tell us something about them or perhaps hold significance to them. Please do not send breakable items. Your child may include pictures from magazines (i.e. of their favorite food, animal, etc.), family photos, stuffed animals, and so forth.

Birthdays: Students are welcome to celebrate their birthdays by bringing a treat. Please provide napkins and plates/forks/spoons if necessary. Students with summer birthdays are recognized on their half birthdays, unless other arrangements are made.

Pen Pal: This year, our class will be exchanging pen pal letters with a Lutheran school from Indiana. The students will only have contact on a first name basis, and no personal information will be exchanged. Letters will be sent through the school. If your child thoroughly enjoys writing, please also note the opportunity for them to take part in the Lutheran Schools Pen Pal Project. The cost of this is \$5.00, and registration must be sent in by October. The Lutheran Schools Pen Pal Project is an extracurricular activity for your child to participate in at home and is not required.

Book Order: Each month, I will send home a book order. Ordering books is a great way to build up your library at home and make your child excited about reading.

Snacks: Each morning, we will make time for a small snack. Students may bring a healthy snack from home to enjoy. Students may bring a water bottle to school, to be used for water only.

Assignment Notebook: This year, each of the students will have an assignment notebook. The students will be responsible for copying down assignments into this notebook daily. Each night, parents will be asked to initial that they have seen this list and their child has completed the listed assignments. If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, you can also jot them next to your signature in this notebook. I will check these each morning.

Religion and Memory: Religion class will be held every day, with the exception of Chapel being held on Wednesdays. Memory will also be assigned. Students are

expected to come to school ready to recite their memory. Memory will generally be individual and oral, but at times we may recite it as a group, have fill-in-the-blank memory, or write it.

Spelling: Students will have spelling tests each Friday. I will try to send home their word list a week in advance so that students can begin practicing at home in advance.

Math: We will be following the Saxon Math program. The third graders will receive printed worksheets and keep their math in a math folder. Beginning in fourth grade, students receive a hardcover book. They will begin to transfer their answers to lined paper.

3rd-4th Grade Reading: This year's reading program will be new to many of the students. We will be learning about the Daily 5 in Reading and using the CAFE Menu system. This approach focuses on comprehension, accuracy, fluency, and expanding vocabulary. I will be meeting individually with students and in small groups to help focus instruction on areas which they may be struggling in and introducing strategy to help with this.

Schedule: Attached to this packet, you will find a 3rd-5th grade class schedule. Please note that this schedule is merely a rough outline, and may vary from day to day. Students will have time to work on assignments while other classes are being taught. They are also receiving a "Now What?" bookmark with steps to follow when they are done with an assignment.

Grading Scale:

98-100%	.....	A+	72-77%	.....	C
92-97%	.....	A	70-71%	.....	C-
90-91%	.....	A-	68-69%	.....	D+
88-89%	.....	B+	62-67%	.....	D
82-87%	.....	B	60-61%	.....	D-
80-81%	.....	B-	59-0%	.....	F
78-79%	.....	C+			

Students will have the opportunity to correct assignments to receive half of the points back for every correction made. Corrections must be made on the students' own time.